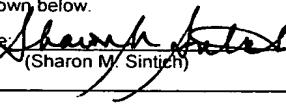
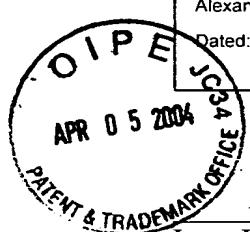


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Dear Sir:

I. Preliminary Remarks

Submitted herewith is a PTO-Form 1449 listing documents A1-A44, B1-B23 and C1-C22. Copies of the listed documents are not enclosed because they have already been submitted in parent application serial no. 09/416,901 filed October 13, 1999, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and thus pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the documents are not submitted herewith.

II. Related Applications

Submitted herewith, as Appendix A, is list of pending U.S. patent applications that are related to the above-identified application. The related applications claim priority to U.S. provisional applications 60/101,594 and 60/155,493, and U.S. application 09/404,133 (abandoned). One or more of the related applications may contain claims that are similar in scope or content to claims of the present application. Copies of these applications are not enclosed, but are pending in the U.S. Patent Office and should be available to the Examiner.

During the course of prosecution of these applications, different examiners have raised a variety of rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102, §103, §112, first and second paragraphs, and double patenting. Upon request, the Applicants will provide the Examiner with copies of office actions and/or responses filed for the related applications. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further explanation of the patent family is necessary.

III. Prosecution Strategy

A multi-application filing strategy was initiated to expedite prosecution of the related Asp2 patent applications listed in Appendix A. Petitions to make special require restriction to a single invention. It was predicted that the originally filed claims in 09/416,901 would be restricted into at least 5 claim groups (human Asp2 polynucleotides, human Asp2 polypeptides, methods of screening, murine Asp2 polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences, and methods of using antisense oligonucleotides). Therefore, 10 divisional applications were filed in April, 2000 wherein these 5 claim groups were each presented in two divisional applications. Petitions to make special were filed in five of the divisional applications (one for each claim set). Because of antidotal evidence that petitions to make special will sometimes actually slow prosecution, five identical applications were filed without petitions.

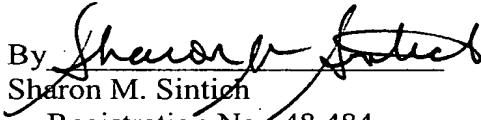
The American Inventor's Protection Act of November 29, 2000 created new provisional rights in the United States based on a published application. Therefore, five additional divisional applications were filed in February, 2001 for the purpose of publication in the United States. Since the speed at which the U.S. PTO would publish these applications was uncertain, three PCT applications were filed with the International Bureau with a request for expedited publication in May, 2001. The present application is a national phase application of one of these PCT applications. These steps were taken to have an application publish and be effective in the U.S. for provisional rights as soon as possible.

IV. Conclusion

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before the receipt of an Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application and consequently should be considered by the Patent Office without payment of a fee. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). However, please charge any necessary fees due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

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APPENDIX A
RELATED PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Examiner</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Elected Subject Matter</u>
09/416,901 (Issued as 6,699,671)	10/13/99	Turner	CIP of 09/404,133	Asp2 polypeptide fragments of SEQ ID NO: 6 (aa. 93-266)
09/548,373	4/12/00	Turner	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 polypeptides - full length and fragments of SEQ ID NO: 6
09/548,368	4/12/00	Turner	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 polypeptides - fragments of SEQ ID NO: 4
09/548,370	4/12/00	Turner	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 polynucleotides encoding full length and fragments of SEQ ID NO: 4
09/548,365	4/12/00	Turner	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 polynucleotides encoding fragments of SEQ ID NO: 4 (aa. 93-291)
09/548,376 (Issued as 6,706,485)	4/12/00	Chernyshev	Divisional of 09/416,901	Methods of screening for modulators of Asp2 activity using polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 6
09/548,369 (abandoned)	4/12/00	Turner	Divisional of 09/416,901	Methods of screening for modulators of Asp2 activity using polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 4
09/548,366	4/12/00	Turner	Divisional of 09/416,901	Full length Asp2 polynucleotides encoding SEQ ID NO: 4
09/794,743	2/27/01	Slobodyansky	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 polypeptide fragments of SEQ ID NO: 4
09//795,847	2/28/01	Chernyshev	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 polynucleotides encoding fragments of SEQ ID NO: 4

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09/794,927	2/27/01	Chernyshev	Divisional of 09/416,901	Methods of screening for modulators of Asp2 activity using SEQ ID NOS: 3 and 4
09/794,925	2/27/01	Chernyshev	Divisional of 09/416,901	Asp2 full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4
09/794,748	2/27/01	McGerry	Divisional of 09/416,901	Methods of using Asp2 Antisense Oligonucleotides
09/806,194	3/23/01	Nicholas	National phase filing of PCT/US00/20881	All Asp1 and Asp2 claims
10/652,830	8/29/03	TBD	Continuation of 09/416,901	
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	A4	5,744,346	4/28/98	Chrysler et al.	435	226	
	A5	5,750,349	5/12/98	Suzuki et al.	435	7.1	
	A6	5,766,846	6/16/98	Schlossmacher et al.	435	6	
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	A8	5,849,560	12/15/98	Abraham	435	219	
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	A20	60/178,368	N/A	Lin et al.			1/27/00
	A21	60/210,292	N/A	Hong et al.			6/8/00
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